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# News Release

## **ICE AND CHARLOTTE-MECKLENBURG PD ARREST 3 CRIMINAL GANG MEMBERS**

Charlotte, NC—Special agents from U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) and officers from the Charlotte-Mecklenburg Police Department arrested three members of the SUR-13 street gang here last night.

Francisco Munoz-Angeles, a 20 year-old Mexican national was one of the arrested gang members. He has been convicted of carrying a concealed weapon and has other charges of driving while impaired and driving with a revoked license.

Also arrested were Cesar Hernandez-Salamanca 23, and Miguel Aguero-Gutierrez, 18, both citizens of Mexico and members of the Sureños (SUR-13) street gang. Both entered the country without inspection and will be placed in administrative removal proceedings.

“ We have arrested 6 violent gang members this week alone and our message is clear: Gang members beware, we will find, arrest and deport you”, said Jeff Jordan who is the ICE Assistant Special Agent-in Charge in North Carolina.

Those arrested are currently in ICE custody awaiting removal proceedings. Their arrests are part of “Operation Community Shield” an ICE national anti-gang initiative launched in March of this year.

Operation Community Shield is designed to disrupt and dismantle violent gang members and prosecute their members by employing the full range of authorities and investigative tools available to ICE. Under this initiative, ICE is employing its broad immigration authorities, both criminal and administrative, against gang members.

Operation Community Shield draws on strong partnerships and cooperation with existing federal, state, and local anti-gang efforts. Such partnerships are essential to the success of the initiative and to ensure officer safety during operations.

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